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STS-95 Crew Biographies



Commander Curtis Brown

Mission Commander Curtis L. Brown, a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force, is making his fifth flight into space aboard STS-95. Lt. Col. Brown has spent over forty days in space: eight days in 1992 aboard STS-47, eleven days aboard STS-66 in 1994, ten days in 1996 aboard STS-77, and twelve days in 1997 aboard STS-85. Lt. Col. Brown received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1978. He was selected as an astronaut in June 1987.



Pilot Steven Lindsey

STS-95 will be the second trip into space for mission pilot Steven W. Lindsey (Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force). NASA selected Lt. Col. Lindsey as an astronaut in December 1994; his first flight was STS-87 in November–

December 1997. Lt. Col. Lindsey considers Temple City, California, to be his hometown. After graduating from Temple City High School, he attended the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering sciences in 1982. Lt. Col. Lindsey went on to receive his Master of Science degree in aeronautical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology in 1990.



Mission Specialist Stephen Robinson

Mission Specialist Dr. Stephen K. Robinson began working for NASA in 1975 as a student co-op at Ames Research Center. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical/aeronautical engineering from the

University of California-Davis in 1978. Dr. Robinson completed his Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering in 1985, and his doctorate in mechanical engineering with a minor in aeronautics and astronautics in 1990, both at Stanford University. Dr. Robinson was selected as an astronaut in 1994. STS-95 marks his second trip into space; previously, he flew aboard STS-85 in August 1997.



Mission Specialist Scott Parazynski

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, and making his hometown in both Palo Alto, California, and Evergreen, Colorado, Mission Specialist Dr. Scott E. Parazynski is a traveler both on

Earth and in Earth orbit. Dr. Parazynski attended junior high school in Dakar, Senegal, and Beirut, Lebanon. Dr. Parazynski attended high school at the Tehran American School in Iran, and the American Community School in Athens, Greece. Dr. Parazynski received his Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Stanford University in 1983. He graduated with honors from Stanford Medical School in 1989. Dr. Parazynski completed his internship at the Brigham and Women's Hospital of Harvard Medical School in 1990. He was selected as a NASA astronaut in March 1992. Prior to STS-95, his previous spaceflight activities were as a mission specialist on STS-66 in 1994 and on STS-86 in 1997.



Mission Specialist Pedro Duque

Dr. Pedro Duque, a native of Madrid, Spain, was selected to join the Astronaut Corps of the European Space Agency (ESA) in May 1992. In 1986 he received his degree in aeronautical engineering from Madrid's Escuela

Tecnica Superior de Ingenieros Aeronauticos, Universidad Politecnica. Dr. Duque served as a backup cosmonaut researcher and crew interface coordinator in the Russian Mission Control Center for the EUROMIR 94 mission. He also served as part of the support team for the EUROMIR 95 mission. In May 1995, Dr. Duque was selected as an alternate payload specialist astronaut for the Life and Microgravity Spacelab mission aboard STS-78. He was selected by ESA to attend NASA Astronaut Candidate Training in July 1996.



Payload Specialist Chiaki Mukai

Dr. Chiaki Mukai was the first Japanese woman to fly in space. Born in Tatebayashi, Gunma Prefecture, Japan, Dr. Mukai received her doctorate in medicine from the Keio University School of Medicine in 1977 and her doctorate in physiology in 1988. She was board-certified as a cardiovascular surgeon by the Japan Surgical Society in 1989. Japan's National Space Development Agency (NASDA) selected Dr. Mukai in 1985 as a payload specialist candidate for the Spacelab-J mission on board STS-47. She continued her association with NASA as a visiting scientist at Johnson Space Center's Cardiovascular Laboratory in 1987–1988. In 1994, Dr. Mukai flew aboard the shuttle *Columbia* on STS-65, and in 1998, she acted as backup for the STS-90 Neurolab mission.



Payload Specialist John Glenn

Selected to be one of the original Mercury Seven astronauts in April 1959, John Herschel Glenn, Jr., (Colonel, USMC, Retired) will now hold two records for NASA. On February 20, 1962, on board *Friendship 7*, he became the first American to orbit the Earth; in 1998, at the age of 77, he will become the oldest American to fly in space. Glenn received his Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio. As a Marine, Glenn flew 59 combat missions during World War II and later flew 63 combat missions over Korea. After attending the Naval Test Pilot School in Patuxent River, Maryland, Colonel Glenn flew as a test pilot for Navy and Marine aircraft. He retired from NASA in 1964 and from the Marines in 1965. In 1974, Colonel Glenn was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he has served for over 20 years.



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